

# The Hong Kong Daily Press.

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## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**  
January 20, DOUGLAS, British steamer, 382, S. Ashton, Poonah 15th January, Amoy 16th, and Swatow 19th, General.—DOUGLAS LA FRAIX & Co.  
January 20, HOIHOW, British steamer, 386, T. Olegg, Wuhu 15th Jan. Rice.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
January 20, AMOY, British steamer, 314, D. Egville, Shanghai 16th January, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.  
January 20, ROHAMPTON, British str., 1,350, R. Sanderson, Swatow 16th Jan, General.—BUN HIN & Co.  
January 20, KWONGSANG, British steamer, 1,060, W. H. Jackson, Shanghai 17th Jan, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
January 20, MEI-FO, American steamer, 1,338, Lant, from Whampoa, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

**CLEARANCES.**  
At the Harbour Master's Office.  
20th January.  
Rochampton, British str., for Singapore.  
Piccola, German str., for Swatow.

**DEPARTURES.**  
January 20, FORKIN, British str., for Swatow.  
January 20, KAMOTAKA, Russian str., for Nagasaki.  
January 20, AKATTA, British steamer, for Hoihow.  
January 20, PICCOLA, German str., for Swatow.  
January 20, PESHAWAR, British str., for Europe.  
January 20, ROHAMPTON, British steamer, for Singapore.  
January 20, AMOY, British str., for Whampoa.

**PASSENGERS.**  
ARRIVED.  
For Hoihow, str., from Wuhu.—16 Chinese.  
For Rochampton, str., from Swatow.—585 Chinese for the Straits.  
For Peshawar, str., from Coast Ports.—Mrs. J. J. and 11 Chinese.  
For Kiang-ping, str., from Shanghai.—Messrs. Wadman and Ramsay, and 20 Chinese.  
DEPARTED.  
For F. O. str., Peshawar, from Hongkong.—For Yanco.—Rev. H. Jenkins, for London.  
For S. str., R. Sanderson, from Shanghai.—For S. str., Mr. R. B. Aldamoff, for London.  
Lant, and Mrs. Beuchler, and 8 Chinese.

**REPORTS.**  
The British steamer Amoy reports left Shanghai on the 18th inst., and had strong N.W. winds and thick weather throughout the passage.  
The British steamer Hoihow reports left Shanghai on the 17th inst., and had strong N.W. winds and thick weather throughout the passage.  
The British steamer Kiang-ping reports left Shanghai on the 17th inst., and had strong N.W. winds and thick weather throughout the passage.

**SHANGHAI SHIPPING.**  
January 20, Kiang-ping, Italian str., from Hongkong.  
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## INTIMATIONS.

**AYALA & Co.**  
REIMS.  
AYALA & Co.  
FOR SALE  
CHAMPAGNE  
OF THE ABOVE FIRM.  
PRICE:  
\$1800 Per Dozen Quarts.  
\$2100 Per Dozen Pints.  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Sole Agents.  
Hongkong, 16th January, 1885.

**W. BREWER** has just received  
Called Book.  
John Bull and His Island.  
John Bull's Neighbour.  
Sarah Bernhardt.

**MUSIC COLLECTIONS.**  
Song Folio, Dance Folio, Ideal Songs.  
Folio of Music, Gems of Dance.  
Songs for Harp and Piano.  
Operatic Songs.  
NEW OPERAS.  
Beyler Student, Doctor Alcantara, Falka.  
Glee Books for Men's Voices.  
Vocal and Piano Music "Social Hours."  
"Evenings at Home."

**Very Handsome Photograph Frames.**  
Large Quantities of Sea-side Library.  
Large Quantities of Novel's Library.  
American Spectator, Flying Car with Joker.  
Baby Organ.  
Complete Weekly Cards, New Fine Art Goods.  
Sweet Caporal Cigarettes, Old Judge Tobacco.  
Sweet Caporal Tobacco, Golden Cloud Tobacco.  
Will's Bird Eggs.

**W. BREWER, Queen's Road.**  
NEXT DOOR TO HONGKONG HOTEL.

**KELLY & WALSH'S**  
New Goods and New Books.  
A Choice Selection of New Fine Art Goods.  
English-made Account Books in a variety of sizes and bindings.  
New Designs in Ball Programmes.  
Novelty in Fancy Note Paper and Envelopes.  
New and Handsome Designs in Monogram Stationery—any initial.  
New Waltzes, New Songs—the Latest London Successes.  
Christmas's New Children's Picture Books.  
Christmas's Nos. of the Illustrated News.  
Dipson's Annual, from Hood's Comic Annual.  
Pinner's Almanack, 1885—Our supply will be here during the course of the week.  
Shanghai Nautical Pocket Manual.  
Pere Deschamps' Typhoons of the Chinese Seas.  
Williams' Highway in China.  
Stanford's Map of China and Japan, by far the best published.

**JUST PUBLISHED—PRICE \$1.00.**  
THE HONGKONG ALMANACK, 1885.  
Containing an Original Descriptive account of the Colony, and a full and complete list of the principal Officers, Banks, Barristers, Solicitors, Brokers and Professions, Tide Tables for Hongkong, Saigon, Bangkok and Haiphong, and Tidal Constants for all Ports North of Singapore.  
Complete Weekly Cards, New Fine Art Goods.  
\$2.00 per month, and a mass of other useful and Special Local Information.  
KELLY & WALSH, HONGKONG.

**BOWRINGTON FOUNDRY.**  
EAST POINT.  
A. G. GORDON & Co.  
ENGINEERS AND SHIP BUILDERS.  
RE Prepared to undertake every description of ENGINEERING WORK both at sea and ashore, on most reasonable terms. PUMPING, LIFTING, and FINEST CLASS WORKMANSHIP Guaranteed.  
ESTIMATES furnished for the construction of STEAM LAUNCHES, REPAIRS to the ENGINES and BOILERS of STEAM SHIPS, CATERPILLERS, &c.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1885.

**CUTLER, PALMER & Co.**  
Wine Shippers.  
OF LONDON, BONDSTREET, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, MADRAS, LARORE, KURASSAY, &c.  
Their Representatives in China—  
Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong.  
Messrs. STEWART & Co., Shanghai.  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Shanghai.  
Call attention to some of the items consigned to their care by this well-known house—  
CLARETS, Larose, Mouton, St. Julien, &c.  
STILL HOCK.  
CHAMPAGNE, Royal Wine, as supplied to Her Majesty.  
SHERRY, Selected White Seal and Amorese.  
These Sherries are also shipped in Jars.  
INVALIDS PORT WINE.  
SCOTCH WHISKY, free from fuel oil.  
COGNAC, Four Stars, Three Stars, Two Stars.  
Price on application to either of the above Firms.

**AFONG PHOTOGRAPHY.**  
Bears to inform the Residents of Victoria and the Public generally that he has secured the assistance of an experienced European Operator in Mr. ROBERT DOUGLAS, whose Artistic Portraiture is well known in China.  
N.B.—Mr. DOUGLAS intends to introduce all the leading improvements in Modern Photography.  
Also.  
HAS A LARGE CHOICE, and more COMPLETE COLLECTION of VIEWS, than any other in the Empire, the Copies of which are only to be purchased at the Studio or Messrs. KYLE & WATSON'S.  
INSTANTANEOUS VIEWS, GROUPS and PORTRAITS of different sizes taken daily.  
STUDIO, ICE HOUSE LANE.

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL.**  
AFONG PHOTOGRAPHY  
BUSINESS has this Day been REMOVED to entirely New Premises, Ice House Lane, immediately behind the New Oriental Bank.  
The NEW STUDIO is specially constructed for taking Instantaneous Portraits, and is on a scale adapted for the LARGEST GROUPS or ARTISTIC PORTRAITS.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1885.

**HAIPHONG.**  
CALIXTE IMBERT,  
COMMISSION AGENT AND CARGO SUPERVISOR FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT.  
HAIPHONG.  
Will undertake Commissions for Firms in Haiphong and receive Sample Commissions of Goods.  
Communications in English and French.

## BANKS.

**THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.**  
INCORPORATED IN LONDON ON 18th July, 1884.  
UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1862 TO 1883.  
CAPITAL, £2,000,000 IN 200,000 SHARES OF £10 EACH.  
LONDON BANKERS.  
UNION BANK OF LONDON, LIMITED.  
BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.  
RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:  
At 3 Months Notice, 5 per Cent. per Annum.  
At 6 Months Notice, 4 per Cent. per Annum.  
At 12 Months Notice, 5 per Cent. per Annum.  
Current Accounts kept on terms which may be learnt on application.  
J. MELVILLE MATSON, Manager.  
Hongkong, 15th September, 1882.

**NOTICE.**  
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.  
ALL HOLDERS OF NOTES OF THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (HONGKONG BRANCH) are hereby requested to present them to the LIQUIDATORS of the Bank, who will be given in Exchange a Certificate of the Value of the Notes deposited.  
HOLDERS OF NOTES will be required to furnish to the Liquidators of the Bank, a schedule in duplicate, giving the date of Issue, Number, and amount of each Note produced.  
Forms of Schedule may be had on application at the OFFICE of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

**OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR.**  
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION By its Attorneys  
J. MELVILLE MATSON, H. HOWARD TAYLOR.  
Hongkong, 4th August, 1884.

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**  
PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000.  
RESERVE FUND, \$4,000,000.  
RESERVE FOR EQUIVALENT OF \$400,000.  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF \$7,500,000.  
CHIEF MANAGER.  
HONGKONG—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
SHANGHAI—DWIGHT LAMSON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON & COUNTY BANK.

**HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.**  
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.  
On Fixed Deposits:  
For 3 months 3 per Cent. per Annum.  
For 6 months 4 per Cent. per Annum.  
For 12 months 5 per Cent. per Annum.  
LOCAL DISCOUNTS.  
CREDITS granted on Bills of Exchange, and on drafts on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China, Japan, &c.  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 25th August, 1884.

**NOTICE.**  
RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.  
1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 4; Saturdays, 10 to 1.  
2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct Bank for the deposit of sums deposited in the above Bank.  
3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$50 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,000 in any one year.  
4.—Deposits must be made in cash, and the receipt of the same will be given to the depositor.  
5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing cash on stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.  
6.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per Cent. per annum interest.  
7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Bank by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.  
8.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per Cent. per annum will be allowed to Depositors on their daily balance.  
9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.  
10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps at the Bank, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will be forwarded free of charge to the depositor.  
11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and the production of the Pass-Book are necessary.  
12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings Bank are exempt from Stamp Duty.  
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 26th April, 1884.

**CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT.**  
COMMERCIAL JOURNAL FOR CHINA, JAPAN, &c.  
Published at the Office of the Hongkong Daily Press on the Morning of the Departure of the English Mail.  
LATEST AND FULLEST TRADE INTELLIGENCE.  
REPORTS OF MEETINGS OF COMPANIES.  
THE LATEST TELEGRAMS.  
together with the  
POLITICAL AND GENERAL NEWS of the Far East.  
The "Trade Report" has a large circulation in Hongkong, the Ports of China, and the Philippines Straits Settlements, &c., &c.  
given of any steps.

## AUCTIONS.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
THE Underigned has been instructed to Sell by Public Auction, at his Sale Rooms, Queen's Road.  
THIS DAY, the 21st instant, at Noon, ON ACCOUNT OF THE CONDEMNED, 4,000 Tins of the CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY'S DOUBLE REFINED CUBIC BRAND.  
To be Cash before Delivery and immediate delivery to be taken from the Godowns of the China Sugar Refining Company.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 15th January, 1885.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
THE Underigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, at his Sale Rooms, Queen's Road.  
An Invoice of JAPANESE CAMELLIA PLANTS and DAHPINES.  
TERMS OF SALE—As Customary.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 21st January, 1885.

**FURNITURE SALE.**  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will Sell, by Public Auction, at the Residence of Dr. STOCKWELL, No. 4, Lockhart Terrace, on the 24th inst., at 2 o'clock P.M., ENGLISH and CANTON-MADE FURNITURE, Consisting of—  
CRETONNE COVERED COUCHES and CHAIRS, MARBLE TOP TABLES, OIL PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS, WINDOW CURTAINS, CARPETS, MIRRORS, &c.  
SIDBOARD, DINING TABLE, CHAIRS, GLASS and CROCKERY, ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, BRONZE CLOCK, &c.  
WARDROBE with Mirror front, MAHOGANY DRESSING TABLES and WASHSTANDS, CHEST OF DRAWERS, &c.  
A GRAND PIANO by COLLARD and COLLARD.  
TERMS—As usual.  
Catalogues will be issued.  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 19th January, 1885.

**FURNITURE SALE.**  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will Sell, by Public Auction, at the Residence of Mr. C. CRAWFORD, E.A., at his Residence No. 3, Morrison Hill, on the 27th inst., at 2 o'clock P.M., HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Consisting of—  
CRETONNE COVERED COUCHES and CHAIRS, CANTON-MADE TABLES, SOFA and other TABLES, CARPET SIDBOARD, DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, FENESTER and FIREIRONS, GLASS CROCKERY and ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, IRON BEDSTEADS, WOODEN BEDSTEADS, &c.  
A COTTAGE PIANO by Ibbards.  
A Collection of PLANTS in Pots.  
Catalogues will be issued.  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 26th January, 1885.

**INTIMATIONS.**  
SAM HING STULTZ, JUNR.  
TAILOR, DRAPER, and GENERAL OUTFITTER.  
Best Materials and a Perfect Fit Guaranteed.  
At MODERATE PRICES.  
Dealer in CHINESE Silk of all kinds, FINE HATS, MATTING and BAMBOO BLINDS. Has always on hand a very large Selection of various kinds of SILK GOODS and EMBROIDERIES. Wholesale Manufacturer of Silk Coats and other Garments for Exportation.  
Best Suit and Every Kind of KATANS.  
Also RATTAN CHAIRS, COUCHES, &c.  
62, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Fourth door West from Fokinger Street. [1076]

**THE TOURIST'S GUIDE.**  
REPRINTED PRICE 21.  
Containing the names of all the Articles of Trade, objects of Natural History, Furniture, &c., &c., with the Pinyin and Mandarin Pronunciation.  
Also a few copies of the GRAMMAR OF THE CHINESE LANGUAGE in two Parts.  
The Daily Press Office.

**"THE TROPICAL AGRICULTURIST."**  
ALL about Coffee, Cinchona, Tea, Cocoa, Cardamom, Liberian Coffee, Indurubber, Sugar, and other New, as well as Old, Products.  
The Second Volume, making 1008 pages, is now ready with an extensive index, fully and handsomely bound in cloth, gold lettered, Price 21s. 6d. in advance, and 21s. or 21s. cash. Carriage to China (a bulky volume) Rs. 2.  
The Third Volume commenced with the July issue, the Subscription counting from 1st July, 1885, (this including the Extra number of 64 with Report on Forests and Maps).  
A full-page London Price List for New and Old Products, each month, is a feature in the 7th & 8th, and much information is being given in reference to Fruit-growing and Horticulture, as well as to Native Agriculture and New Products generally.  
Annual Subscription for China and Far East Rs. 10/- or \$10.00 in advance. Agents for China, "Hongkong Daily Press" Office. [13805]

**WINTER TIME TABLE.**  
THE KOWLOON FERRY.  
Steam-Boat.  
MORNING STAR.  
Runs Daily at a Very Early Hour between PUNDA's Wharf and Tsim-Sai-Tau at the following hours—This Time Table will take effect from the 1st November, 1884.  
WEEK DAYS.  
SUNDAYS.  
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THERE was probably nothing which was hailed with more satisfaction as being likely to improve the trade with China than the opening of the Suez Canal. The reduction of the time necessary for the transit of goods by more than half was an improvement which, according to all recognized principles, ought to have been of the greatest advantage. Yet it is, perhaps, not going beyond the fact to say that nothing ever proved productive of greater disappointment to foreign merchants in the East. In looking through the Consular Reports for a number of years past for another purpose we came across some remarks on the effect of the improved means of communication made by Sir Walter Medhurst, the Consul at Shanghai, in his report for the year 1872. "The rapid voyages of steamers through the Canal," says Sir Walter, "has vastly curtailed the duration of venture, while the telegraph is presumed to have reduced the risk of loss to a minimum. These conditions have stimulated trade by attracting many competitors who were previously excluded from the business by want of capital or credit, for a small capital quickly turned over now suffices where a much larger sum would formerly have been inadequate, while the improved means of protection which financiers now enjoy renders credit more easily obtainable by men without capital than was the case in the days of long and uncertain voyages, and the slow communication of intelligence by steam competition has, from these causes been excited to the utmost." It is interesting after the lapse of twelve years to consider how far these views have borne out by subsequent experience. The Canal has now been open to traffic for fifteen years. During that period the foreign trade of China has increased in value, roughly speaking, some twenty per cent., but instead of bringing corresponding profits to those through whom it is conducted at this end, quite a contrary effect has been produced. The increased facilities have induced increased competition, and the natural result has been to lower prices until the margin of profit has become very small indeed. The adoption of the principle of small profits and quick returns before the altered conditions were thoroughly understood, in many cases resulted in large losses, and one by one firms once eminent dropped out of the trade. Active competition in the China trade is not a healthy element—looked at from our local point of view—and has often led to disappointment and disaster. In one sense it is not too much to say that mercantile men here do not realize the fact, as there are no men more ready to admit it in words or in writing, but they do not appear to be able to act up to their convictions. The force of circumstances is too much for them. The trade generally sets in a particular direction, and individuals are forced to go with the current, and thus they find themselves conducting their own business upon principles which they are prepared to condemn to the utmost in the abstract. No principle has been more strongly condemned or more persistently acted upon than competition in connection with the China trade. In its earlier days this trade was essentially one of capital; now credit takes the place of capital to a very considerable extent. A good deal of the local and coasting trade which was formerly in the hands of Europeans has also passed into those of Chinese. In knowledge of business, in astuteness in selling opportunities, in readiness in getting expedients, the Chinese man can compete with the cleverest foreign trader, and the advantage the latter formerly possessed in the matter of capital is gradually disappearing, as the Chinese can now raise money by borrowing from the banks and other sources. The foreign trader who is his own capitalist is still able to bring into operation a force which ensures a moderate profit, but with increased competition conducted with borrowed capital the trade acquires more of those special elements in which natives are able to work at an advantage as compared with foreigners. There are two sides to every picture, and the case under consideration is no exception to the rule. Under the altered conditions of trade, now that they have become familiar, risks are smaller and failures are happily fewer and of less disastrous proportions. It is also an axiom of political economy that the producer and consumer should be brought as nearly into contact as possible, and that the middleman, where he cannot be dispensed with, should be allowed only a small proportion of profit. Locked at this point of view the canal and telegraph

telegraph have conferred undoubted benefits. More Chinese are able to buy European articles of use or luxury, more persons are employed in Europe in producing those articles, and more persons are enabled to purchase the goods which constitute the export trade of China. It is in the nature of man, however, to look at matters from the individual rather than the cosmopolitan point of view, and the China trader can hardly be expected not to regret "the good old days" when money was made with ease and rapidly and a short residence in Far Cathay was deemed sufficient to ensure a competency for the remainder of his life. Just at present, when an unusually black cloud is hanging over the China trade, dependency is apt to be expressed more freely perhaps than the circumstances warrant. It may be another year or two before the cloud entirely clears away, but it cannot remain for ever. There is an inevitable reaction. In ordinary course the period of depression now being experienced must give place to one of prosperity, and if, as we hope, China is soon to be opened up to its fertile lands and populous cities to be traversed by the iron horse, the future, if it fails to rival "the good old times" in respect to the profits made by individuals, will nevertheless yield a handsome return on the capital, energy, or industry of those who are in a position to take advantage of the improved condition of affairs.

The Shanghai Mercury hears from Chefoo that troops are going over to Korea from Port Arthur and Shan Hai-Kwan.

Lieut. Arncliffe, Royal Tank Battalion, is reported to be appointed Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency, General Gonsalves, C.B.

The Japan Mail says that rumors are current that the Dai Nippon, now a state prisoner in China, will shortly be released and allowed to return to Korea.

The Messageries Maritimes steamer Oves, with the mail outward French mail, left Singapore at 7 p.m. on Monday, the 19th inst., for this port via Saigon.

We hear that the Foochow Arsenal is now in full operation again and that one of the gunboats of the Chinese fleet, the Fengtao, has already been repaired there.

The Japanese papers state that the total value of the exports from Yokohama for 1932 was 21,419,911 yen and of imports 19,939,448 yen, making a total of 40,459,359 yen.

The Japan Gazette says that the total number of Japanese selected to proceed to Hawaii has reached 3,850, and a certain part of this number will be sent there from Yokohama by steamer on the 27th inst.

The Nippon Shimbun's dispatch from Shanghai on the 18th inst., of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs, is likely to be dispatched to Japan by the Government of China in connection with the Korean affair. This is a rumor that requires confirmation.

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## MAILS EXPECTED.

**THE FRENCH MAIL.**

The M. M. steamer *Ores*, with the next French mail, left Singapore at 7 p.m. on the 19th, and may be expected here on the morning of the 27th inst.

**THE AMERICAN MAILS.**

The O. and O. steamer *San Pablo*, with the next American mail, left San Francisco on the 19th December, and may be expected here on or about the 27th inst.

The P. M. steamer *City of New York*, with the succeeding American mail, left San Francisco on the 31st December, and is due here on or about the 12th February.

**STEAMERS EXPECTED.**

The American steamer *Boston*, left

The *Amber-Flag* steamer *Amber* left Singapore on the 14th inst., and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 21st inst.

The *O. S. S. Co.'s* steamer *Diomed* left Singapore on the morning of the 16th, and is due here on or about the 23rd inst.

The *Glen Line* steamer *Glenora* left Singapore on the 16th, and may be expected here on or about the 23rd inst.

The *O. S. S. Co.'s* steamer *Antenor* left Singapore on the 17th, and is due here on or about the 24th inst.

The *D. D. R.* steamer *Florida* left Singapore on the 17th, and is due here on or about the 24th inst.

**POST-OFFICE NOTICES.**

The Postal Guide for 1885, revised to date, will be found in the *Daily Press Directory*, p. 385, large edition; p. 693 small edition. This is the only authorized complete Summary of Postal information published in Hongkong.

527 The authorized List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Straits Settlements—*For Rory*, to-day  
the 21st inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Shanghai—*For Miefco*, to-day, the 21st  
inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Pakhoi—*For Olympia*, to-day, the 21st  
inst., at 4.30 P.M.

For Manila—*For Zahro*, to-day, the 21st  
inst., at 4.30 P.M.

For Saigon—*For Madras*, to-day, the 21st  
inst., at 4.30 P.M.

For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cook  
town, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne  
and Adelaide—*Per De Bay*, to-morrow, the 22nd  
inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, & Foochow—*Per Douglas*  
to-morrow, the 22nd inst., at 5.00 P.M.

**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.**  
The French Contract Packet *Anadyr* will be despatched on **TUESDAY**, the 27th instant with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, *via* Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India (via Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Malia, and Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.  
The usual hours will be observed in clearing the Mails, &c.

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.**  
The United States Mail Packet *San Pablo* will be despatched on **THURSDAY**, the 29th

instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco  
the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &  
which will be closed as follows:—  
2.15 p.m. Registry closes.  
2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Correspondence  
may be posted on board the Packet with Lat-  
Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time  
of departure

**HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT  
MAILS.**  
THE ENGLISH MAIL.  
The following hours are observed in closing  
Mails, &c., by the British Contract-Packet:—  
Day of Departure.  
Noon—Money Order Office closes.  
8.00 p.m.—Barring of Letters ceases. Post

ing of all printed matter and patterns ceases  
 3.00 P.M. Mails closed, except for Late Letters  
 3.10 P.M. Letters may be posted with late fee  
 of 10 cents until  
 3.20 P.M. when the Post Office closes entirely  
 3.40 P.M. Late Letters may be posted on board  
 the packet with late fee of 10 cents, not  
 time of departure.

**THE FRENCH MAIL.**  
*Day before Departure.*  
 5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office  
 closes, except the night box, which is always  
 open out of office hours.  
*Day of Departure.*  
 7 A.M. Post Office opens.  
 8 A.M. Post Office closes. Posting ceases.

all printed matter and patterns ceases.  
 11 A.M. Last classes except for Late Letters.  
 11:10 A.M. Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until  
 11:30 A.M. when the Post Office closes entirely.  
 11:50 A.M. Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents until the time of departure.

No responsibility can be accepted by the Post Office for erroneous replies to verbal inquiries or to notices addressed to subordinate officers. The shovels told off to sell stamps should especially not be regarded as able to give correct information. The Postal Guide alone is the standard of all points on which such information may be

**MONEY ORDERS.**

The following revised regulations as to money orders, which have been approved by His Excellency the Governor in Council, are published in the Gazette. Money order regulations are extended for the first time to the countries marked "—".

1.—Money orders can be obtained at Hong Kong and Shanghai on the following countries.

• Austria	• Madeira
• Belgium	• Mauritius
• Bermuda	• Natal
• Canada	• Newfoundland
• Cape Colony	• New South Wales
• Ceylon	• Norway
† (Constantinople).	• Port Darwin.
• Cyprus	• Portugal

Medhara.	S. Helena.
Myrr.	Seychelles.
Pakistan Ia.	Sierra Leone.
Gambia.	South Australia.
Germany.	Spanish Settlements.
Guatemala.	Sweden.
Gold Coast.	Switzerland.
Holland.	Tasmania.
Hongkong, (Br.)	United Kingdom.
Iceland.	United States.
India.	Victoria.
Italy.	Western Australia.
Japan.	West India (Bahamas, Danish, and Dutch).
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2.—Orders on the countries marked \* are forwarded through the London Post Office, and are paid less a small discount of about 3s in the £1, for which the remitter should allow. All such orders must be expressed in British currency.

3.—The Hongkong Post Office also issues orders on Shanghai, and vice versa.

4.—The commission charged is as follows (according to the currency the order is drawn in):

Up to £ 2, or \$10, or 200 Rupees .....	0.20 cents.	
Up to £ 5, or \$25, or 500 Rupees .....	0.30 cents.	
Up to £ 10, or \$50, or 1000 Rupees .....	0.50 cents.	
Up to £10, or \$50, or 1000 Rupees .....	0.60 cents.	
Up to .....	150 Rupees .....	\$1.00.

5.—No order must exceed £10 or \$50 (unless drawn on India, when 150 rupees is the limit) nor will more than two such orders be issued to the same person, in favour of the same payee, on the same day.

6.—Money orders on the United Kingdom for sums not exceeding £5 are granted by means of Postal Notes, and to which see separate notice or the Hongkong Post Office Guide.

7.—Sums not exceeding \$50 may be remitted between the ports of China by means of Postage stamps, subject to a charge of one per cent. for cashing them; or money orders can be granted at Hongkong or Shanghai on ports where there are Agencies of the Hongkong Post Office.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, January 1st, 1885.

\* Small remittances can be made to these places by means of Postal Notes. See separate notice or the Postal Guide.



## A WONDERFUL GROTTO.

would have been a great butt for Cannizzaro. Brougham had a very fond fond of humour on his command; but Cannizzaro, with an amount of humour still more redundant, had a command of wit and anecdote, which carried every thing before it. The House has more than once been absolutely seized with laughter at the wit and sarcasm of Brougham, and in less than five minutes afterwards that same House has been indulging in it as much as Brougham. It is a very remarkable and inevitable dexterity with which Cannizzaro has wardled off the attack, and flung ridicule at his opponent. On one occasion, on the first night of a session, Brougham attacked the Government for having, according to the announcement in the Spectator, "ordered the House of Commons to mark the measure of the policy of the Government," the measure, as it was advocated by his side of the House, as "made them their own. The speech was telling case, and the more telling because it was true. It was applauded by every voice, and doubtless many of those who heard it did wonder how Canning would rebut the House's attack. When he rose the House welcomed him with tremendous cheering, and listened long and anxiously to his speech. He was very good. In this instance, too, it was not done to disappointment. In a spirit of the utmost good humour, he said that the honourable and learned gentleman had reminded him of an anecdote which he would relate to the House. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth the authorized Danish had written a play, which was produced at the Theatre Royal of the de

THE MOUSE'S BLANKET.

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Very many years ago, when I was living in a boy in a country vicarage in Yorkshire, I heard my mother say that a bank note which she had laid on a shelf in a store-room always kept locked by herself, had suddenly vanished. Our servants were quite suspicious, and, on the other hand, the fact that the note had been laid in that particular place, and had disappeared, admitted of no doubt whatever.

After some search in the store-room, and the removal of most of the things in it, it was noticed that there was a mouse-hole in a corner of the floor. A happy thought occurred to myself, that this should be explored. Accordingly a carpenter was sent for, and I have a very vivid recollection of standing by while a narrow slit was cut in the floor, and the carpet underneath it up to the shop.

Immense quantities—I remember two jars being quite filled—of minute bits of paper were drawn out, the accumulations, probably, of very many years. Strange to me, one corner of the heap he got hold of was of young mice, and brought them lying on the bank note! It was, no doubt, injured, except from a slight stain, was not, however, much damaged, and, as it was old, it was absolutely the only piece of paper left in that heap.

carried the note, folded up as it was, thro its hole; and then unfolded and spread it as a blanket, evidently conscious of its easiness and flexibility. The really wonderful part of the story is the leaving of this piece of paper entire, apparently because it was of a different texture from the rest. Professor E. A. Paley in *Longman's Magazine*.

**THE SAGO PALM IN NEW GUINEA**

The natives in New Guinea depend to a large extent upon the sago production for their food supply. The Port Moresby correspondent of the *Brisbane Courier* gives the following details of its growth and uses. One or two of the sago palms may be seen growing round Port Moresby, especially near the water springs, but their growth is not general, and they flourish under a rule more to the westward. The sago palm is a plant of the appearance the sago palm is very handsome, but unlike the cocoa palm in appearance, although the fronds are slightly different. It never attains the full height of the coconut palm, but the tree is very much larger in girth. At least seven years must elapse after planting before the sago is fit to be used for food, but it is not a time-consuming crop. The whole of the trunk may be fitted into a sago flour, and it is said that one tree will yield sufficient sago to last a man for a whole year. Unfortunately the natives do not so careful as they ought to be in securing a constant succession of young trees to take the places of the old ones that gradually disappear. As the trunk of the sago palm is so valuable, as it ultimately will be made into a settlement, the sago palm will become a valuable commercial article. In the Molucca Archipelago, where the sago is estimated at its proper value, there are large plantations of it, and regularly every year new plantations are laid out, thus securing the goal of the farmer's ambition—a constant succession of crops.

The sago is employed by the natives in the manufacturing of sago bread, which is effected, and has at least the merit of being excessively simple. After the tree is felled, the outer rind or bark is peeled off, and the pulpy trunk is pounded and shredded into pulp; it is then mixed with water, and the mass is strained through a native sieve. The liquid drops into troughs of palm tree planks, and the excess is allowed to run off. The remaining mass is of a porphered sediment deposited, and this sediment is the sago, its appearance almost like flour, though the colour is not so white. The sago known in commerce is practically made in the so-called

is impudent, and its granulated appearance is due to the fact that the liquid was strained through upon hot metal plates, and the result is a substance which is very palatable, although made from sago palm, one of the best of which consists of bananas masked up with the sago leaf moistened with coconut-milk. Gradually coconut is then sprinkled over it until baked in the form of rolls or dumplings. These are both boiled, baked, and roasted.

**THE ORATORY OF HARRY BROUGHAM.**

Those who have only heard Lord Brougham speak must understand that they have scarcely an idea of the oratory of Harry Brougham. From the first day he entered the House of Peers, as Lord Chancellor, seemed to have been annihilated by a sea of his countrymen's admiration and indignity, as well as the glances of the Minister of the Crown, if he addressed now audiences, cold and aristocratic as it was, with the fierce and powerful eloquence which he had formerly exhibited. There was well-known story, that when his noble board said he had accepted the Chancellorship, that "Harry Brougham," as they called him, and not as Earl Brougham, as an orator. He had made himself good, but he was destroyed by being made good by others. Harry Brougham's speeches succeeded much the same kind of sensation would be experienced on witnessing the acting of the elder Keats. Brougham occasionally noted his speeches. His action was natural, and perhaps that which is nature can scarcely be deemed ungraceful. I want of finish, however, was always lost in the sense of the rugged earnestness of the speaker, and of the terrific power with which he hurled his invectives at his opponents' power which had once the effect of causing them to tremble. It was like a stormy sea, with, that frantic and volcanic, while striking the table in front of him with extraordinary force, "It is falsehood!" While Brougham spoke, the impression would be, on a hearer, that any attempt to reply would be a hopeless undertaking. And hopeless—

HONGKONG MARKETS

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PLATE TON. COMPANY

Analyst	Dec. 29	Marcello
Camorta	Jan. 18	Orelli
Chiarbrooke	Jan. 17	Ossi
Chen	Jan. 17	Orzech
Cheng H. Kiao	Nov. 25	F. Webb
China		G. Sanchez
Claymore	Jan. 18	Galland
Cressler	Jan. 18	Gardner
Croft	Jan. 19	J. V. Lane
Djondjah	Jan. 18	Loquero
Dolmas	Jan. 20	Ashton
Estrella	Oct. 16	M. de Olaso
Faffies	Jan. 7	F. Ercy
		Stinson
Fankow	—	J. Ogston
Harter	Jan. 14	Grandin
Holmer	Jan. 10	H. Bitt
Hoist	Sept. 23	Obeng
Hole	—	Clay
Honnan	—	T. T. Benn
Kiang-ping	—	G. Jones
Kingston	—	Clarke
Kwong-sang	—	E. W. Goo
Lido	Jan. 18	Jackson
Madras	Jan. 8	Leitch
Medford	Jan. 11	H. Plank
Ming	Jan. 11	Lunt
Mino Mara	Nov. 29	Troncyra
		Thompson
Moon-Lebanon	Jan. 8	D. Maxwell
Nam	Jan. 15	Garcasa
Nelson	Jan. 15	Oriskany
Parolous	Dec. 24	R. J. Bro
Powas	—	Leisavou
Properly	Jan. 6	G. Hoall
Royce	Jan. 18	Mareton
Say-trill	—	Leisavou
Shun On	Dec. 14	Brownham
Thibet	Jan. 13	W. D. M.
Triumph	Jan. 16	T. Schulz
Whampoa	Jan. 7	Williams

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4	Boyl.	Am. coh	43	E	
9	Polomen	Ger. bk	570	G	
1	Stord	Ger. sh	77	E	
2	Boyl	Ger. coh	86	E	
9	Smith	Brit. coh	215	A	
24	Thomson	Ger. bk	313	J	
21	Scott	Brit. sh	1193	S	
31	Waters	Brit. bk	1295	P	
2	Boyle	Ger. coh	43	M	
8	—	Ger. coh	253	G	
2	Van Pall	Brit. coh	33	C	
11	Dwatt	Brit. coh	67	G	
11	Van Pall	Brit. sh	83	C	
11	MacArthur	Brit. sh	1286	S	
13	Seasay	Rus. sh	53	S	
17	Seasaywright	Brit. bk	289	F	
20	Daly	Am. sh	1675	F	
16	Bray	Am. sh	194	S	
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20	—	Brit. bk	896	M	
16	—	Am. sh	1021	K	
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